MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻനിവർത്തിയില്ല. അതിന്റെ കണക്ക് എന്റെ കയ്യിലില്ല.

1st Readers for the primary schools.

302. *MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that 1st Readers for the primary schools were not available for sale when the schools re-opened;

(b) whether they are aware that the same were not available for sale till the 17th Mithunam;

(c) whether they are aware that the pupils and the guardians have been put to great difficulties because books were not available at the proper time; and

(d) the reason why they were not available at the proper time?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: *(a)* Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) This year the primary schools re-opened after the mid-summer vacation on the 20th Edavom current and according to the revised syllabus for primary schools, the work in the first six weeks for class I should be oral. Reader I had to be prepared afresh according to the new scheme and got printed. It has now been published. There has not been any available delay in the matter.

Primary School teachers.

303. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) to how many Primary School teachers they have given the revised salary of Rs. 25; and

(b) why they have not extended this to all the Primary School teachers?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: *(a)* All the teachers in Primary schools in the compulsory area. *Viz.* 779.

(b) It will be extended to teachers of primary schools in other areas where the Primary Education Act is introduced and the schools worked by shift system.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why the revised salary of Rs. 25 was not extended during the course of the year to the teachers who are in areas where there is no compulsory primary education.

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Rs. 25 is being paid in the compulsory area because the shift system is worked and they work on Saturdays as well. When that system is introduced progressively, the pay also will be progressively increased.

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